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News

History was made here: Prince George's Chapel

Dagsboro landmark was built in 1755 and named for the English prince who would later become King George III. Read more ...



Nave of Prince George's Chapel

Division to sponsor 11 special events during July 2019

Independence Day, baseball Hall-of-Famer William "Judy" Johnson and campfires at the John Dickinson Plantation to be featured.

Read more ...

Division welcomes new staff members

New employees strengthen the agency's business, collections, horticulture, museums and preservation-maintenance services. Read more ...

Division seeks physical plant maintenance/trades mechanic

Application deadline: July 2, 2019

Read more ...

Division now offering tours of the hull of the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship Tours taking place through Sept. 26, 2019.

Read more ...

Go here for more news items ...

Help Save Delaware History

Delaware to hold conversation on historic preservation issues

Delaware Public Media, June 21, 2019

State Historic Preservation Office to host preservation symposium on June 26, 2019.

Read more ...

This historic church will be reborn as housing for seniors

Washington Post, D.C.—June 14, 2019

Historic preservation tax credits used to re-purpose Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington.

Read more ...

Working group seeks to bolster historic preservation in New Castle County

Delaware Public Media, Dover—June 14, 2019

Group addresses loss of historic properties due to neglect.

Read more ...

Articles on efforts to save Houston House

Developer plans to raze southern New Castle County farmhouse and barn.

Residents, preservationists battle home builder over fate of Houston House

Delaware Public Media, Dover—June 14, 2019

Residents fight demolition of historic farmhouse in southern New Castle County

WDEL radio, Wilmington, Del.—June 7, 2019

"Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022"

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware's heritage for the future.

Read more ...

Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

27 Fun Things to Do at the Delaware and Maryland Shore, Even in the Rain

The Washingtonian, Washington, D.C.—June 20, 2019

Article includes information on DeBraak tours at the Zwaanendael Museum.

New Book Rediscovers Founding Father and Delaware Guy John Dickinson ... for his Songwriting!

Town Square Delaware—June 18, 2019

Article features Dickinson's "Liberty Song."

New Castle's Separation Day celebrates the community, benefits nonprofits

News Journal—Wilmington, Del.—June 9, 2019

Event commemorated Delaware's separation from Pennsylvania and Great Britain in 1776.

DAR Col. John Haslet Chapter visits Hale Byrnes House

Dover Post, Del.—June 6, 2019

George Washington held a war council at the site on Sept. 6, 1777.

Tours of DeBraak shipwreck artifacts to begin June 13

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—June 2, 2019

Surviving hull section of an 18th-century shipwreck is showcased.

Fenwick Lighthouse Set To Open

Maryland Coast Dispatch, Berlin, Md.—May 23, 2019

Historic structure sets summer 2019 schedule.

Events

Wednesday, June 26

Historic Preservation Symposium - Delaware Public Archives

Saturday, June 29

Wilmington Pirate Festival - Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard and Fort Christina National Historic Landmark

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15 and 29; Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; Fridays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

East End Lighthouse Tour - Delaware Breakwater-East End Lighthouse

Tuesday, July 2

Campfire Program — John Dickinson Plantation

Wednesday, July 3

Hale-Byrnes Open House - Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day – All museums of the State of Delaware will be open

Stars and Stripes - Johnson Victrola Museum

Independence Day – The Old State House

Saturday, July 6

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Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25; and Saturday, July 27

Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak - Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, July 13

Meet the Founding Fathers - Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, July 14

Winterthur's Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, July 20

History of the Negro Baseball Leagues - New Castle Court House Museum

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Sunday, July 21

Open House - Prince George's Chapel

Wednesday, July 24

Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Meeting – Delaware Public Archives

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, go here.

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport – Zwaanendael Museum

Drawing America to Victory - Online

Five Stories – John Dickinson Plantation

Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania – Online

New Castle: Three Forts, One Community - New Castle Court House Museum

The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016 – The Old State House

The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware – New Castle Court House Museum

Sculpture by Charles Parks – New Castle Court House Museum

A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World – Zwaanendael Museum

Simple Machines – John Dickinson Plantation

When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve - Legislative Hall





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